



COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

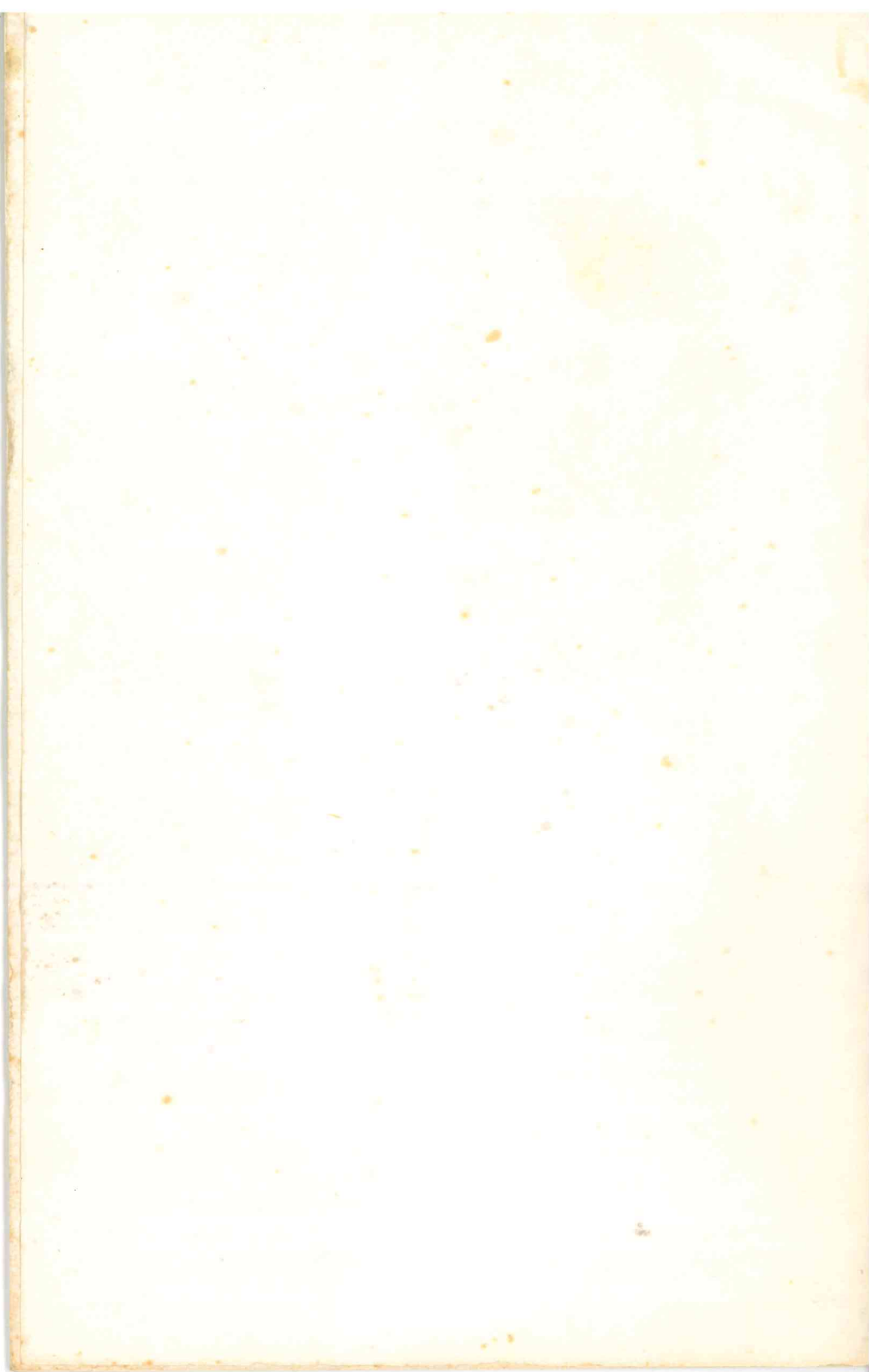
*The 14th Annual
Project Independence
Graduation Ceremony
Class of 1991*

P R O J E C T



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Michael Bach

Gregory H. Barreth

Kevin Bauer

Hilary B. Bissing

Terri Cone

Patty Daley

Daniel Dunbar

John Garrecht

Jack Orville Hallen

Richard D. Hulse

Charles T. Jessoe III

Jeffrey Stephenson

Kurt Arne Trondsen



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Processional

Welcome..... Marilyn Donovan
President of the
Board of Directors,
Project Independence

Invocation The Reverend
John O. Knudson

Introductory Address..... Marilyn Donovan

Commencement Address..... President, Disneyland
Jack Lindquist

Presentation of Diplomas Andrea Erickson
and Graduate Speeches Executive Director,
Project Independence

Recessional

Refreshments and Dance
following the Ceremony



Kevin Bauer



My name is Kevin. I am deaf and Cerebral Palsy. I started to learn things with Project Independence in September of 1988. I have learned shopping, cooking, cleaning, and banking. I am very great with my job in the mailroom at Century 21. I live with Oscar and Dennis in an apartment in Irvine. I think I must go to college to learn more. I want to learn computers.

Thank you for coming to my graduation of October 20, 1991.

Thank you very very much.





Hilary B. Bissing

Hello, my name is Hilary Bissing and I work at the Orange County UCI hospital in the Pharmacy department with their chart for prescriptions. I would like to thank the staff (past and present) of Project Independence for helping me to succeed in my tough goals such as my financial knowledge and my self esteem. A lot of these people have really believed in me, thank you to all of the staff from Sharon Delpitte to Lori, Heidi, Gerrick and the rest. There are too many to thank! Also a big thank you must go to my closest friends who were there all the time for me, to Terri Cone, who is like a sister to me she talked me out of past situations until I came to Harbor Village, and to Project Independence, to Gerilyn Sessa who is like a sister to me and who has trusted me like a sister since the beginning when we moved into our apartment together two years ago. Much thanks to her parents for trusting me and believing in me.

Thank you, to all.



Terri Cone



My name is Terri Cone. I am so glad that I got into Project Independence, it has improved my life. There were times that I felt like quitting, or that I just could not succeed. I am thankful for the Project Independence staff for encouraging me to go on. I would like to thank Beth Richards for getting me into Project Independence. I would also like to thank the staff for teaching me how to cook and helping to improve my banking skills. I now feel comfortable living independently in the community and can handle all things that come my way.

Thank you.





Patty Daley

Hi, my name is Patty Daley and I am glad to be able to graduate from Project Independence. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me get to where I am at today. Alice Daughtery and her family have been a big part of my life, they all helped bring me through a hard period in my life. I also would like to thank Linda Mitchell, Holly Craig and Heidi Goldsberry for all the help they have given me in my classes like cooking, banking and the attendant class with Bud. I remember the day when I made blue berry muffins with Heidi and we dropped the blue berries all over the floor. I enjoyed the attendant class because Bud has a neat sense of humor.

Living here has changed my life and I feel I have come a long way, but I still have areas to work on in my life. I'd like to thank all my church family and staff who have been there in time of need.

Thank you God for everything you have given me. I really love working at Integrated Resources, the job has made me very happy. Everyone I work with treats me like a real person, now I feel I can live a successful life.

Thank you again for making this day a special one! I could not have done it without the Lord and friends who care.

Thank you.



Daniel Dunbar



My name is Danny Dunbar. I have been with Project Independence for two years and it has been the most unusual two years I have spent in such a long time. I would like to take the time to thank the staff that I have worked with and that I have met because if it had not been for them and my best friends Terri Cone and Mike Bach, I don't think I would have made it through the whole two years.

Thank you.





John Garrecht

My name is John Garrecht. I started Project Independence in July of 1990. I am glad Project Independence has improved my life. I learned a lot in one year. I was off to a bad start then I got better. I learned how to cook well and do housekeeping without any trouble. I also learned how to do my own banking without any help from staff. I would like to thank the staff for helping me improve everything I needed to learn.



Jack Orville Hallen



I am Jack and I work at the Wherehouse in Garden Grove and I am doing fine at my work and I want to thank the staff for helping me with my meals, helping me with my laundry and helping me with my banking. I want to get a license so I can drive a car real soon.

Thank you.





Richard D. Hulse

Hi, my name is Richard Hulse. I would like to thank every person at Project Independence for helping me learn a lot of different things that I needed to know to be independent. I would also like to thank everyone that worked with me for helping me by letting me attend some of my church activities. I was a little afraid to come into this program for a while because I didn't know what to expect, but now I can say that I am really glad I did.

Thank you.



Charles T. Jessoe III



Good evening ladies and gentlemen, friends and parents. My name is Charles Thomas Jessoe III and I am fortunate in having just graduated from Project Independence. I wish to thank all of the men and women who have helped me graduate from the middle of 1979. I would also like to thank the Directors and all the Program Coordinators from Pat Shanahan to the present. I wish to thank personally my brothers and their wives and especially my twin brother Frank for having found this place for me to settle down in. He was able to see good things ahead for me.

Thank you.





Jeffrey Stephenson

Hello, my name is Jeffrey Stephenson. I started Project Independence in November 1989. I have learned cooking skills and laundry. I have also improved my house-keeping and money management skills. I enjoy living and graduating with my room mate Gale Everett.

Thank you.



Kurt Arne Trondsen



Hi, my name is Kurt Arne Trondsen. I want to thank all the staff at Project Independence for all that I have learned. Not only have I gained pride, I have also proved to myself what all I could do. Look how good I turned out now! Frankly, I do not know where I would be if it were not for Project Independence. I would probably be living in a city dumpster. I want to thank all the Project Independence staff that Project Independence exists.



